

1986, as amended and extended; and Memoranda of Understanding dated November 6, 1996 and June 20, 1997 between the Governments of the United States and Nepal, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2000, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Nepal and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2000 and extending through December 31, 2000, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
336/636	263,163 dozen.
340	380,091 dozen.
341	1,220,891 dozen.
342/642	331,734 dozen.
347/348	856,133 dozen.
363	7,741,604 numbers.
369-S ¹	983,454 kilograms.
640	191,297 dozen.
641	431,328 dozen.

¹Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and Nepal.

Products in the above categories exported during 1999 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated November 12, 1998) to the extent of any unfiled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

These limits may be revised if Nepal becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the United States applies the WTO agreement to Nepal.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

October 4, 1999.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 2000 limits.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Information regarding the 2000

CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 4, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2000, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel in the following categories, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2000 and extending through December 31, 2000, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Levels in Group I	
237	2,101,683 dozen.
331/631	6,805,914 dozen pairs.
333/334	329,232 dozen of which not more than 47,265 dozen shall be in Category 333.
335	214,297 dozen.
336	779,844 dozen.
338/339	2,468,749 dozen.
340/640	1,096,268 dozen.
341/641	989,244 dozen.
342/642	674,526 dozen.
345	200,872 dozen.
347/348	2,363,165 dozen.
350	177,825 dozen.
351/651	735,704 dozen.
352/652	2,889,301 dozen.
359-C/659-C ¹	999,564 kilograms.
361	2,246,217 numbers.
369-S ²	509,161 kilograms.
431	175,567 dozen pairs.
433	3,457 dozen.
443	41,802 numbers.
445/446	28,552 dozen.
447	7,938 dozen.
611	6,741,076 square meters.
633	43,463 dozen.
634	539,257 dozen.
635	367,697 dozen.
636	2,032,320 dozen.
638/639	2,536,077 dozen.
643	1,038,146 numbers.
645/646	868,058 dozen.
647/648	1,425,910 dozen.
649	8,760,377 dozen.
650	127,275 dozen.
659-H ³	1,674,606 kilograms.
847	1,110,735 dozen.

